**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—May be Rs. 14,000. But then we are spending on the road every year Rs. 4,000. The amount spent last year is Rs. 2,700 and this year Rs. 2,091. We were not able to do work in 1099. The accounts of 1100 are not stated here.

**Mr. H. J. Walmesly.**—I quite understand.

**President.**—May I draw your attention to one fact? There is no appropriation of specific items of revenue for expenditure. There is no rule that, because we get a certain amount of revenue from the Nelliampaties, we must spend for the purpose of that road or anything connected with this Nelliampaties all that amount. We have got the whole revenue. We distribute it according to necessities. It may so happen that one district which pays high revenue does not want an adequate proportion of expenditure. Such a scheme of water-tight, mathematical or arithmetical distribution is not always possible.

**Mr. H. J. Walmesly.**—I fully sympathise. I quite realise it is impossible.

**President.**—There is a scheme for improving a plot, selling certain lands there and carrying on a back road for the Nelliampati Ghat. I mean you have got such a scheme.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—I have got such a scheme.

## The works proposed by the Cranganur Road Committee.

228. **Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for not undertaking the works proposed by the Cranganur Road Committee?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—The Government think that a good many of the works enumerated in the Report are not really necessary from the stand-point of the peculiar size, locality and the surroundings of the principality. Such works as seemed to them to be quite essential are being or have already been attended to.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Does the Government know that the Committee's proposals were approved by two Diwans and by the Diwan Peishkar who himself knows the locality very well? Does the Government know that?

**President.**—Any information forthcoming?

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—I called for the Committee's Report last time, and the Government was pleased to place the Report on the table, and from the Report and orders thereon, I find that the scheme was approved by the Diwans and the

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Diwan Peishkar. The answer that the Government was pleased to give was "The Government think that a good many of the works enumerated in the Report are not really necessary from the stand-point of the peculiar size of the locality and the surroundings of the principality. Such works as seem to them to be quite essential are being or have already been attended to."

**President.**—I have looked into the matter myself. Probably, the two Diwans might be Mr. Bhore and Mr. Vijayaraghavacharya.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Mr. Vijayaraghavacharya and Mr. Narayana Menon, Sir.

**President.**—Mr. Narayana Menon, I do not think, has approved. The answer now given was the decision of Mr. Narayana Menon. He said he knew a good lot about Cranganur, and he knew the necessities of the place.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—I think the Government is referring to a communique regarding metalled roads, not regarding the proposals of the Committee.

My only point is to bring home to the Government its attitude towards it was unsatisfactory. The Report was not sent to the Chief Engineer. The work concerned the Engineering Department. I submit that not a single officer has visited the prinicipality and looked into the works proposed by the principality.

**President.**—The Committee mainly dealt with the drainage of canals and lanes and the improvement of drains.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Only drainage of canals and lanes, but not roads.

**President.**—No road? How did the metal road come to be constructed?

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—That is the thing which we cannot understand. We proposed one thing, and the Government did another, and the metal road was constructed long before. If the Director of Public Instruction were to ask the Head-masters and Head-mistresses, I am sure, we will be able to know that most of the girls and boys have to wade knee-deep and sometimes hip-deep through water collected in lanes, through want of proper drainage when they come to schools. The Government's attitute is most undesirable. That is a matter which affect the people strongly.

**President.**—What you want to say is that, first of all, the level of the lanes should be raised.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—For my part, if the Report is sent to the Chief Engineer, and if he makes a local inspection, we are prepared to abide by his decisions. It has not been sent to him That is all our complaint.

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**President.**—You have not received that Report?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I had no opportunity to see that. There was no information regarding the lack of drainage.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—He was asked to see the Pullut-Karuppadanna road.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—That was not one of the works proposed by the Committee.

**President.**—We shall send the Report to the Chief Engineer and see what can be done.

## The Departmental Test Examinations.

**229. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state why a supplementary list has now been published in the Government Gazette, dated 26th Mithunam 1101, declaring a few more candidates to have passed in the Departmental Test held in March 1926?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state why the names of these candidates were not included in the original list?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—(a) The minimum fixed for the tests was found to work hardship on the candidates. It was, therefore, revised and the pass list supplemented.

(b) They had not obtained the required minimum originally fixed.

**230. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any reduction has been made in the minimum percentage of marks as required in the previous years?

(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that have led the Government to bring in such an alteration now?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—(a) In place of an aggregate minimum of 50%, and a separate minimum of 35% for each subject, a minimum of 40% has been fixed for each subject.

(b) Vide answer to part (a) of question No. 229.

**231. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether those candidates who have appeared for the tests in previous years, but got only as many marks as those who have now been declared successful, will also be considered as having passed the tests?

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